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In examining my check book last night I noted that the check which I wrote to you in the amount of \$6.00 to repay you for money borrowed in Athens has not been cashed. It was certainly not my intention that I should not repay this amount. If you have not already cashed the check, please do so at your earliest convenience. If, by any chance, it has been lost, please let me know and I shall gladly send you another.

Incidentally, you will be interested in the amusing predicament I found myself in on the morning I left Athens. You recall the assurance we had that my hotel bill was completely paid, to include breakfast. Next morning as I was boarding the bus to go to the airport, I felt someone tugging at my sleeve and inquiring as to whether or not I was Mr. White of room such-and such. When I replied in the affirmative, I was presented with a hotel bill of approximately 100,000 drachmas. If I had had any money left, I probably would have paid the bill. As it was, we argued for a short while as to whether or not I owed the bill. As the bus was about to pull out, I finally decided I would try to bluff my way through, and indignantly told the Greek that I refused to pay the bill. Whereupon he replied: "Then you must write that on the bill." I very gladly took the bill, wrote the statement on it, signed my name, boarded my bus, caught my airplane, and heard no more about the 100,000-drachma bill. I am sure you and Warner would have enjoyed this scene immensely if you could have witnessed it.

25X1 Stutler, as you know, is back, and certainly has the very highest
25X1 praise for your performance out there. [redacted] is now the Chief Engineer at [redacted], and is very anxious to come to Cyprus when you are ready to come home. Although your year will be up sometime during the latter part of February, I should like very much for you to stay until the station is in operation for a short while, and I feel sure that this will be agreeable to you.

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Construction at the new East Coast Station has actually started—at least a 281-foot well has been dug. It is entirely possible that you will arrive home in time to give us the benefit of much of your valuable experience on Cyprus. I hope that a house on the site will be available for you to move in when you come home.

Please give my regards to everyone. Let me know about this check, and I should be grateful to hear from you at any time you feel inclined to write.

Sincerely,

L. K. White

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